(c) and (d) A compilation of a list of 886 such medicines, whose prices were voluntarily agreed to be reduced by eleven companies is available on this Department's Website www.chemicals.gov.in. It has also been placed in the library of the Parliament. The list covers formulations in all dosage forms such as tablets, capsules and syrups, etc. and they find usage in the treatment of a large number of diseases. The medicines covered are antibiotics, cough syrups, painkillers as well as those used during the surgical operations, for the cure of the infectious diseases and for the treatment of hypertension etc.

In addition to this since inception NPPA has fixed or revised prices of 4854 scheduled formulation packs. Of these, prices of 2298 scheduled formulations has been revised downward and prices of 844 scheduled formulation have been revised upward. In respect of 1595 scheduled formulations packs, prices have been fixed for the first time and in117 cases, there has been no change.

The details of price movement from the year 2004-05 to 15th February, 2007 are as follow:

	2004-05		2005-06		2006-07 upto 15th Feb 2007	
	Nos	%age	Nos	%age	nos	%age
Price Increased	42	12.65	99	9.72	118	12.46
Price Decreased	133	20.06	398	39.10	298	31.46
Price fixed for the time	144	43.37	480	47.15	507	53.54
No change in prices	13	3.98	41	4.03	24	2.54
TOTAL:	332	100	1018	100	947	100

Monitoring of prices is an ongoing exercise undertaken by the NPPA. During such monitoring 26 companies have reduced the price in respect of 46 non-Scheduled formulation packs by 0.5% to 34.62%.

Authority for fixing medicine prices

†1989. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that the responsibility to control the prices of medicines in the country has been entrusted to the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and whether it is also a fact that the prices of all manufactured and imported medicines in the country are not fixed by the said authority;

(c) if so, the percentage of total available medicines during the year 2006-07 in the country is controlled by the said authority as its right with regard to price fixation thereof; and

(d) the percentage of dividend fixed by the said institution on production cost under the formula adopted for price fixation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (d) Yes, the 74 bulk drugs specified in the First Schedule of the Drugs (Price Control) Order' 1995 (DPCO, 95) and the formulations based thereon (including imported formulations) are under price control and their prices are fixed/revised by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) in accordance with the provisions of the DPCO' 1995.

Para 7 of DPCO's 95 provides 100% MAPE (Maximum Allowable Post-Manufacturing Expenses) to cover post-manufacturing expenses in case of indigenously manufactured formulations and in case of imported finished formulations, it shall not exceed 50% of the landed cost. There is no separate percentage of dividend fixed on product cost by NPPA.

Loss making fertilizers companies

1990. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of loss making fertilizers units in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) the quantum of loss suffered by the said units during the last three years, as on date;

(c) whether Government have received recommendations of the Baraupi and Durgapur units of the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation (HFC) and Shirdi unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCI) based on the report of Project and Development of India Limited, (PDIL);